

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Jennifer Jessup

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 01/04/2016

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201512-0648-013

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Highly Migratory Species Tournament Registration and Reporting

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0323

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 03/31/2019

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	600	110	102
New	600	110	108
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	6
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini
Acting Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Highly Migratory Species Tournament Registration	NA	HMS Tournaments Registration	
Highly Migratory Species Tournament Reporting	NA	All Species Tournament Summary	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	10. Abstract
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION AND
REPORTING
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0323**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to regulate fisheries for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) under the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) and the [Atlantic Tunas Convention Act](#), as amended.

For all tournaments that are conducted from a port in an Atlantic coastal state, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, a tournament operator must register with the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division, at least 4 weeks prior to commencement of the tournament, by submitting information on the purpose, dates, and location of the tournament to NMFS. A tournament is not registered unless the tournament operator has received a confirmation number from the NMFS' HMS Management Division. NMFS will notify the tournament operator in writing when a tournament has been selected for reporting. Tournament operators that are selected to report must maintain and submit to NMFS a record of catch and effort on forms available from NMFS. Tournament operators must submit the completed forms to NMFS, at an address designated by NMFS, postmarked no later than the 7th day after the conclusion of the tournament, and must attach a copy of the tournament rules ([50 CFR 635.5\(d\)](#)). *NMFS is currently in the testing stage of an online registration portal for tournament operators. The questions on the online form match those of the paper form. NMFS expects to make the portal available to all tournament operators by early 2016, and to then begin development on online tournament reporting.*

Atlantic HMS tournament registration is important for the management of swordfish, billfishes, tunas, and sharks, because it characterizes a portion of the recreational fishing effort on these species, including location and targeted species. HMS tournament registration enables the collection of contact information for the operators of tournaments that target HMS so that NMFS may collect reports of fishing catch and effort following the event. The information allows NMFS, in the course of developing fishery management plans, to evaluate the social (e.g., effect of tournaments on number of HMS-permitted anglers, the number of individuals to whom HMS educational outreach materials are distributed, or the regulatory impacts on fishing culture of the communities in which HMS tournaments are held) and economic impact of tournament angling in relation to other types of HMS angling (e.g., commercial, non-tournament recreational), potential impacts on tournament operations, and the relative effect of tournament angling on populations of various regulated HMS. Further, registration by HMS tournament operators opens an avenue for NMFS educational outreach specific to HMS tournament fishing activities and participants.

HMS tournament reporting is necessary for the collection of catch and effort data to calculate total annual catch for stock assessments and to meet international reporting obligations, such as

those mandated under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act for NMFS to report annually to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The tournament registration and reporting procedures involve: (1) mandatory registration of Atlantic HMS tournaments; and, (2) for tournaments selected by NMFS, mandatory reporting of tournament results, including the documentation of all instances of landing an Atlantic HMS during a tournament. These processes are carried out as follows:

- (1) NMFS requires that the tournament operator (the person or entity responsible for maintaining records of participants and results) register the tournament, including the date, location, and target species of the tournament, at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- (2) The tournament operator collects the following data on all HMS encountered from all boats: whether the fish were kept, released, or lost; condition of the fish when released (alive or dead); and the weight and length of all boated fish. This information is already routinely collected during tournament operations, which makes the reporting burden solely one of transcribing existing information onto a single form, provided by NMFS. The completed reporting form must be submitted to NMFS no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the tournament.

The information obtained from each tournament operator on the HMS Tournament Registration Form includes:

- a. The name, date(s), and location(s) of the tournament;
- b. The Director/Operator's name, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and signature;
- c. Whether the tournament has registered in previous years, and the most recent year;
- d. Identification of HMS for which points or prizes will be awarded, and the option to list additional target species; and
- e. The option to request a specified number of HMS outreach materials.

NMFS uses this registration information to plan for the assignment of tournament observers to collect catch/effort data and biological data and samples from landed fish (length/weight, stomach contents, injuries, parasites, hard and soft tissue samples for age determination, genetic analysis, spawning condition, fecundity, etc.). The registration information also allows NMFS, in the course of developing fishery management plan amendments, to evaluate potential impacts of FMP requirements (e.g., quotas, permitting, catch reporting, and gear requirements) on tournament operations. Additionally, NMFS is able to use the tournament information for angler educational outreach efforts including distribution of written informational materials, notification of public hearings, and explanation of HMS regulations.

The Atlantic Tunas General Category permit and the Swordfish General Commercial permit are commercial permits, but authorize permit holders to recreationally fish for other HMS only when

participating in a registered HMS tournament; therefore, it is important for permit holders to be able to check the registration status of tournaments before participating. A list of tournaments registered with HMS (including tournament names, date(s), location(s), and target species) is posted on the internet from this information collection every week, assisting potential tournament anglers in determining participation in upcoming events.

The reporting information obtained from each tournament operator on the HMS Tournament Summary Report includes:

- a. The name, location, and fishing club affiliation (if applicable) of the tournament;
- b. The total number of registered boats and whether the tournament is catch and release only;
- c. The daily fishing effort, including dates and hours fished, and number of boats fishing each of those days;
- d. The recorder's name, phone number, and e-mail address;
- e. The numbers of fish kept and released and their disposition when released (alive or dead) for each HMS;
- f. The size (weight and length) of each of the fish kept; and
- g. The option (empty space) to report additional non-HMS that were kept or released in the tournament.

The information requested on the reporting forms is collected during normal tournament operations by the tournament operator to determine awards of points or prizes to tournament participants. Thus, the only additional time or cost burden is encountered during transcription of reporting information on to the HMS tournament reporting form (electronic or paper), photocopying or scanning, and mailing, e-mailing, or faxing the form. As mentioned above, the information is used by NMFS to assess total annual tournament catch and the relative effect of tournament angling on regulated HMS.

Minor adjustments have been made to the forms to improve their clarity and brevity. The HMS Tournament Registration Form has been consolidated to one page, instructions have been simplified, and the ability to select how the operator would like to receive confirmation (via e-mail, mail, or fax) has been added. The layout of the form has been modified slightly to improve readability without changing the questions and topics that many tournament operators have grown used to. Further, due to confusion expressed by tournament operators, NMFS has included a list of shark species that fall under each management group, including a shark species that is expected to be federally managed for the first time in 2016.

The HMS Tournament Summary Report form has been slightly modified in this revision/extension to remove text that proved confusing for tournament reporters (i.e., instructions under the shark species that said to write in shark species that were not included made it seem, incorrectly so, as though the write-in section was only for shark species, and not for other fishes, such as wahoo and dolphin). Additionally, the submission address has been updated, as there is now only one point of contact collecting the summary report, rather than two in the previous renewals.

The information that will be collected from HMS tournaments will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. See responses to Questions 10 and 16 of

this Supporting Statement for more information on data dissemination and use. NMFS will retain control over the personal information such as the tournament operator's name and address and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with legal standards and NOAA policy for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106 554](#).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

Tournament operators are required to register tournaments and to report tournament results on a NMFS form in order to standardize the data collected. Electronically-fillable (PDF) tournament registration and reporting forms are available for public printing from the HMS tournaments web site at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/tournaments/index.htm>. The forms are also available via e-mail, mail, or fax upon request. The completed registration form may be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed back to NMFS. Many tournament operators have chosen in recent years to scan and submit their completed tournament registration forms by e-mail. In the past year, this number has grown to include the majority of the tournament operators that register with NMFS. In collaboration with the HMS Management Division, the SEFSC has created an online portal through which tournament operators will have the option to register their tournament and receive an emailed confirmation once the registration application is reviewed by NMFS staff for completeness. The portal is currently being beta tested by volunteer tournament operators (we will collect the feedback of no more than 8 volunteers). Once made available to all operators, use of the online registration will lessen the burdens associated with hard copy printing, scanning, copying, mailing, and faxing. NMFS is further developing a plan to create a registration App for mobile devices, and to thenceforth extend these technologies to tournament reporting.

NMFS provides access, through the [HMS tournaments web site](#), to general tournament registration information (tournament name, date(s), city, state, & target species) as a service to publicize tournaments and to inform potential tournament anglers of upcoming events and their registration status, which may affect some fishery regulations for anglers.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

This collection does not duplicate or overlap with any other collection of information. The list of registered HMS tournaments is searched prior to registration to avoid duplicate submissions. Mandatory reporting of recreational non-tournament Atlantic billfish and swordfish landings and recreational Atlantic bluefin tuna landings occurs under a separately approved collection (Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Recreational Landings Reports; 0648-0328). Although these collections could document similar activities, NMFS is cognizant of possible duplication and actively makes efforts to avoid it. For example, tournament landings are exempt from the Atlantic billfish and swordfish recreational reporting requirement, and the non-tournament recreational reporting system requests that the angler indicate if he is reporting tournament catch,

as a safeguard. In addition, two other separate approved information collections including the Large Pelagics Survey (LPS; 0648-0380) and the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP; 0648-0052) complement tournament registration and reporting. The LPS and MRIP include telephone surveys and dockside interviews with recreational anglers. These surveys actively identify and attempt to segregate tournament landings from other non-tournament recreational landings.

The Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) has used HMS tournament reporting forms for special projects, such as the 2009 report, *Evaluation of the Sampling Distribution of Tournament Versus non-Tournament Trips in the Large Pelagics Survey*, but does not select tournaments for reporting as a regular part of MRIP. MRIP data collectors coordinate with RBS data collectors who share billfish catch reports to ensure that no tournament is selected twice during these projects.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

Three options are available for submission of the HMS Tournament Registration and Reporting forms: FAX, mail, and e-mail. The options are available to minimize the burden of submitting forms to NMFS, assuming that the operator would select the least cumbersome of the choices, based on personal preference. The forms are available online or, if the internet is not available, via telephone request and FAX or postal mail. Based on the availability of these options, and the development of online tournament registration and reporting, this information collection will not have a significant impact on small entities because both the registration and reporting requirements require minimal time and effort to complete.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

If the collection of tournament information were not conducted, NMFS would have difficulty complying with international obligations, such as ICCAT landings limits and reporting requirements. NMFS must have tournament information to evaluate the relative impact of various types of angling on HMS. If NMFS is unable to obtain this information, then the agency would be unable to fully assess the costs, benefits and likely impacts of subsequent regulations and rules regarding either HMS or HMS tournament angling, as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Also, fishing tournaments provide a unique opportunity for biologists to obtain an abundance of fishery information in a relatively short time period. It is both efficient and essential to gather this information, as it is already being collected by operators of HMS angling tournaments (catch and effort data, landings, etc.), so that it can be incorporated into the formulation of HMS fishery management policies. Likewise, fishing tournaments provide a unique opportunity for NMFS to distribute HMS educational and regulatory outreach materials to a large number of anglers. The frequency of this information collection directly coincides with the frequency of the tournament activities, making the most efficient and timely fisheries information available, and would therefore be inappropriate at different or less frequent times.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

OMB guidelines state that an information collection should not require respondents to prepare a written response in fewer than thirty days after they receive the request. Since tournament operators are required to register at least four weeks in advance of the tournament, selection of tournaments for reporting (request for catch report) occurs shortly thereafter, and reporting is required within 7 days after the tournament has ended, this requirement should be met. In the event that an operator does not register with HMS at least four weeks prior to the start of the tournament, the written response may be requested with fewer than 30 days until it is due. The 7-day reporting time frame is due to international obligations of NMFS to monitor the catch of certain HMS according to agreed-upon international quotas or agreed-upon reductions in landings, established to ensure the sustainability of such species.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice soliciting public comment on this proposed collection of information was published on August 06, 2015, (80 FR 46960).

No comments were received as a result of the Notice.

NMFS routinely consults with outside parties to obtain the public's view on the availability of fishery data, frequency of data collection, clarity of instructions and recordkeeping requests, disclosure of information, reporting format, and the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported. These consultations occur in the context of HMS Advisory Panel meetings, public hearings, written correspondence, telephone conversations, and conversations with tournament anglers and tournament operators.

There were no comments received on the accuracy of the burden estimates for this collection.

A survey was conducted throughout 2013 (OMB Control No. 0648-0342) that asked tournament operators for their registration and reporting preferences, including modes of submission. One respondent stated that the ability to receive reminders and forms to register is very important, and that the respondent would prefer to have all modes of communication available (i.e., e-mail, mail, and fax). In response to this request, and due to a recent registrant requesting that confirmation be faxed to his place of business, rather than e-mailed, the mode of confirmation transmission is now an option on the registration form.

A tournament operator recently volunteered to test and give feedback on the beta site for online tournament registration. One of the reviewer's comments was regarding the confusion many people experience when deciding which shark group to select (e.g., ridgebacks, non-ridgebacks, small coastal sharks, or pelagic sharks). Due to this comment, a list of species has been included on the form to inform the respondent on the shark group they should select. This insertion will likely improve the quality of the data collected, as the selections will henceforth be more accurate.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment or gifts will be provided to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

There is a Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) statement, addressing confidentiality, printed on public notification materials, including the tournament registration and reporting forms. It is NOAA policy to preserve the confidentiality of information submitted under this reporting requirement, except that NMFS may release such information in aggregate or summary form, such that individual identifiers are not disclosed ([NAO 216-100](#)). Information such as the number of registered tournaments, the species that they targeted, and the states in which they occurred is provided in the annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, in Fishery Management Plan (FMP) regulatory amendments, and in supporting documents made available to the public upon request. A statement is included on the tournament registration form, informing operators that registered tournament information (tournament name, date(s), city, state, & target species) is be posted online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/tournaments> as a service to publicize tournaments and to inform potential tournament anglers of upcoming events that are in compliance with HMS regulations. Participation in an unregistered tournament is in violation of some Atlantic HMS permit types, so it is imperative that permit holders have access to a list of registered HMS tournaments. All other information submitted under this reporting requirement remains confidential, or is released only in aggregate or summary form such that individual identifiers (e.g., tournament operator's name, phone number, postal address, and e-mail address) are not disclosed.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, or other matters that are commonly considered private are included in this information collection.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Approximately 300 tournament operators are expected to respond to the tournament registration form. With this number of respondents, and an approximate response time of 2 minutes per tournament registration form, we expect a total of 10 burden hours.

Tournament Registration: 300 respondents x 2 minutes = 10 hours

Up to 300 tournaments may be selected for reporting. Since this information is collected as a regular part of tournament operations, the time for each response is calculated based on the time it should take to transcribe the data onto HMS tournament reporting forms. With this approximate response time of 20 minutes for each of the 300 respondents, we expect a total of

100 burden hours for tournament reporting.

Tournament Reporting: 300 respondents x 20 minutes = 100 hours
Total Responses (reporting and registration): 300 + 300 = 600
Total Burden for Registration and Reporting: 10 hours + 100 hours = 110 hours.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

The only costs associated with this collection would be for mailing or faxing the forms to NMFS. For registration, given an estimated 300 respondents and assuming that half will e-mail (\$0.01 for the cost of two sheets of paper printed to sign and scan), a quarter will mail (\$0.49 postage), and a quarter will fax (\$0.20/ minute × 1 minute) the registration forms, it is estimated that the total annual cost to the respondents for registration will be approximately \$54.

Mode of Submission	Number of Respondents	Cost (\$)	Total (\$)
E-mail	150	0.01	1.50 (2)
Mail	75	0.49	36.75 (37)
FAX	75	0.20	15
Total Cost of Registration			54

Similarly, for tournament reporting, given 300 respondents (rounding up) and assuming that half will e-mail (\$0.01 for the cost of two sheets of paper printed to sign and scan), a quarter will mail (\$0.49 postage), and a quarter will fax (\$0.20/ minute × 1 minute) the reporting forms, it is estimated that the total annual cost to the respondents for registration will be approximately \$54.

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Total Cost of Reporting			54

In summary, the total annual cost burden to the respondents associated with this collection is expected to be approximately \$108 (\$54 for registration + \$54 for reporting).

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Costs for printing and supplying the forms are expected to be minimal. A blank HMS tournament registration form is mailed annually to operators who have previously registered tournaments, along with a reminder to register tournaments for the upcoming year. The registration form is also available on the internet and may be downloaded by respondents. In addition, NMFS provides a faxed or e-mailed copy to respondents upon request. The registration form could be photocopied by respondents as needed. No new equipment or overhead costs will be incurred by NMFS, because existing equipment and staff will be used to collect and enter the data.

Estimated average hourly wage of staff (\$22/hr) × [time to print and mail form (5 minutes) + time to collect and enter data from form (5 minutes)] = \$3.67/form
Number of registration and reporting forms (600) × \$3.67/form = \$2,202.

For mailing the registration form to tournament operators who have previously registered tournaments, given 300 tournaments at \$0.49/postage, and \$0.01/two sheets of paper, it is estimated that the annual cost to the Federal government will be approximately \$150.00.

The Atlantic HMS Tournament Summary Report form is e-mailed (to approximately 150 respondents) and mailed (approximately 150 respondents) to tournaments that are selected for reporting and, given 150 tournaments at \$0.49/postage, and \$0.01/two sheets of paper, it is estimated that the annual cost to the Federal government will be approximately \$75.00.

The cost to the Federal government to mail registration and reporting forms to tournaments is expected to be approximately \$225.00 (\$150.00 + \$75.00).

The total cost to the Federal government, including staff wages for time spent on tournament form distribution and collection, is therefore \$225 + \$2,202 = \$2,427.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

The adjustment of the annual cost burden from \$102 to \$108 is due to the increase in postage associated with mailing forms.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

These data are not being collected for the purpose of publication in raw form. The aggregate information may be publicly distributed in scientific stock assessments for individual species, in the annually published Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, in Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendments, or on NMFS internet sites. This could include information on the aggregate number of registered tournaments, the number of tournaments by state, and total landings by species and state. As a result, tournament information should be considered as one component, among many, factoring into fishery policy and management decisions.

Tournament information (tournament name, date(s), city, state, & target species) is provided by NMFS to the public as a service to publicize tournaments and to inform potential tournament anglers of upcoming events and their registration (compliance) status with NMFS in order to aid tournament and anglers with regulatory compliance.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

Not Applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

Not Applicable.

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B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.

All HMS tournaments (approximately 300: 210 targeting billfish and 90 targeting only tuna and/or sharks) are required to be registered and all 300 tournaments are eligible to be selected for reporting.

2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

As stated above, all HMS tournaments are eligible for reporting selection. Selection of tournaments for reporting is based on fisheries management program-based needs. At this time, the Recreational Billfish Survey (NMFS SEFSC) selects all billfish tournaments for reporting. While all HMS tournaments are eligible for reporting selection, the existing HMS tournaments program does not currently have the staff or technologies to collect and store the amount of data that would be produced by requiring all tournaments (including tunas and over 40 shark species) to report. NMFS is currently examining the resources required to collect the catch reports of all HMS tournaments online or via app in order to obtain reliable, long-term fishery-dependent data in an efficient manner.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Tournaments that are selected for reporting are required by law to submit a completed tournament summary form along with a copy of tournament rules to NMFS within seven days after the completion of tournament fishing (50 CFR 635.5(d)). The reporting form and selection notice are provided to tournament operators. Tournament operators already collect this information to determine a tournament winner. Because the information is readily available to tournament operators, it is possible to complete the reporting summary form quickly and easily. The only additional time or cost burden associated with the collection would be for transcribing, photocopying and mailing/faxing. Because of the mandatory requirement and because the

reporting form summarizes information that tournament operators already have, NMFS anticipates a high response rate. In recent years, response rates have varied from 82 – 94%.

To further encourage a high response rate, NMFS conducts an outreach program (brochures, mailings, e-mail network, etc.) to inform tournament operators of the registration and reporting requirements, and to indicate the importance of reliable tournament information for stock assessment purposes and social/economic analysis of potential management measures. Information obtained on the HMS tournament registration and reporting forms is analyzed for reliability before it is incorporated into stock assessments. In order to obtain more reliable and complete data, NMFS continues to consider the option to require all HMS tournaments to submit catch summaries.

From 2010 to 2013, the average response rate was 80.4% (i.e., reports/selected tournaments were 120/155 (2013), 136/169 (2012), 137/178 (2011), and 163/190 (2010)).

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.

The information obtained from HMS tournament reports may be incorporated into stock assessment documents, prepared by NOAA fishery scientists, if the data is considered reliable. The stock assessment documents are then discussed and peer-reviewed by domestic and international experts before any policy-related agreements or decisions are made. The peer review process may suggest any possible modifications to the information collection, if deemed necessary.

HMS management staff tested the online tournament registration system throughout the summer 2015 tournament season to identify glitches or issues before making the portal available to tournament operators. Most recently, operators with upcoming tournaments have been invited to test the site and provide feedback on the ease and clarity of the site, as well as whether the operator would prefer to use online registration in the future. NMFS plans to continue inviting operators to register online and provide feedback until we have obtained five individuals' feedback.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

For HMS Tournament Registration: Katie Davis
Tournament Registration Administration
NMFS/HMS Management Division
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 824-5399

For HMS Tournament Reporting: Arietta Venizelos
Billfish Tournament Catch Reporting Data Collection
NMFS/Southeast Fisheries Science Center
75 Virginia Beach Drive
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ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS) TOURNAMENT REGISTRY

Tournament Information

Name _____
Port/City _____ State _____ Date(s) _____
Has this tournament registered before? (Y/N) _____ Most recent year _____

Operator/Director Contact Information

Name _____
Email _____
Address _____ City, state, zip _____
Phone () - FAX () -

Check all species that may be entered in the tournament:

<p>BILLFISHES</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Marlin <input type="checkbox"/> White Marlin/Roundscale Spearfish (not differentiated)* <input type="checkbox"/> White Marlin* <input type="checkbox"/> Roundscale Spearfish* <input type="checkbox"/> Sailfish <input type="checkbox"/> Longbill Spearfish <input type="checkbox"/> SWORDFISH * These species look very similar. If the tournament will not identify the species separately, select "not differentiated."	<p>SHARKS</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Large Coastal Sharks Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Hammerheads (Great, Scalloped, Smooth), Lemon, Nurse, Spinner <input type="checkbox"/> Small Coastal Sharks Sharponose, Blacknose, Bonnethead, Finetooth <input type="checkbox"/> Pelagic Sharks Blue, Oceanic whitetip, Porbeagle, Shortfin mako, Thresher <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth Dogfish	<p>TUNAS</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Bluefin <input type="checkbox"/> Bigeye <input type="checkbox"/> Albacore <input type="checkbox"/> Yellowfin <input type="checkbox"/> Skipjack <input type="checkbox"/> Blackfin** <p>OTHER FISHES**</p> _____ _____ _____ ** Registration is optional for these species.
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The tournament would like ____ (#) Atlantic HMS regulations and species guides to distribute.

Operator/Director Signature _____ **Date** _____

Send registration confirmation number to (choose one): E-mail Mail FAX

Submit this form to (choose one):

HMSTournamentRegistry@noaa.gov • 263 13th Ave S, St Petersburg, FL 33701 • FAX (727) 824-5398

Registered tournaments are posted weekly at <http://go.usa.gov/33m39>

www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/

Tournaments, Billfish, Swordfish: (727) 824-5399 • Sharks: (301) 427-8503 • Tunas: (978) 281-9260

Under Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 635.5, for all Atlantic HMS tournaments that are conducted from a port in an Atlantic coastal state, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, a tournament operator must:

- (1) **Register** at least four (4) weeks before the tournament begins. The tournament is only registered once the operator has received a **confirmation number** from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).
- (2) If selected by NMFS, operators must submit the catch and effort **report** from the tournament on an [HMS tournament summary reporting form](#), no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the tournament.

Thank you for helping NMFS track HMS recreational activities. The information collected through HMS tournament registration and reporting is used in stock assessments and national statistical reports.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE: Collection of information through tournament registration and reporting provides essential information for the conservation and management of highly migratory species. This information will be used to estimate recreational landings of these species through tournaments and may be used to estimate fishing effort. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response (tournament registration), including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to NOAA Fisheries, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Registering and, if selected, reporting, of tournaments is required under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act. It is NOAA policy to preserve the confidentiality of information submitted under this reporting requirement, except that NMFS may release such information in aggregate or summary form, such that individual identifiers are not disclosed (NAO-216-100). Tournament operators may voluntarily elect for NMFS to release information to the public regarding tournament name, date(s), city, state, and target species. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.



Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournament Summary Report



Tournament Name							
Port Location (City, State)					Catch and Release Only? (Y/N)		
Total # Registered Boats			Fishing Club Affiliation				
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Fishing Date (mm/dd/yy)	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /
Number of Boats Fishing							
Fishing Time (00:00 - 00:00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recorder's Name				Phone			E-mail

BILLFISHES AND SWORDFISH				TUNAS			
Species	Number Kept	Number Released Alive	Number Released Dead	Species	Number Kept	Number Released Alive	Number Released Dead
Blue Marlin				Bluefin			
White Marlin*				Bigeye			
Roundscale Spearfish*				Albacore			
White Marlin / Roundscale Spearfish (not differentiated)*				Yellowfin			
Sailfish				Skipjack			
Swordfish				Blackfin			
Longbill Spearfish							

SHARKS							
Species	Number Kept	Number Released Alive	Number Released Dead	Species	Number Kept	Number Released Alive	Number Released Dead
Blue				Nurse			
White				Lemon			
Porbeagle				Spinner			
Shortfin Mako				Tiger			
Common Thresher				Sandbar			
Smooth-Hound				Blacktip			
Atlantic Sharpnose				Bull			
Blacknose				Dusky			
Bonnethead				Great Hammerhead			
Finetooth				Scalloped Hammerhead			

OTHER SPECIES (Write-in)							
Species	Number Kept	Number Released Alive	Number Released Dead	Species	Number Kept	Number Released Alive	Number Released Dead

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournament Registration and Reporting**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Katie Davis, (727) 824-5399 or Katie.Davis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management of the nation's marine fisheries. Existing regulations require operators of tournaments involving Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS: Atlantic swordfish, sharks, billfish, and tunas) to register four weeks in advance of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournament. Operators must provide contact information and the tournament's date(s), location(s), and target species. If selected by NMFS, operators are required to submit an HMS tournament summary report within seven days after tournament fishing has ended. Most of the catch data in the summary report is routinely collected in the course of regular tournament operations. NMFS uses the

data to estimate the total annual catch of HMS and the impact of tournament operations in relation to other types of fishing activities. In addition, HMS tournament registration provides a method for tournament operators to request educational and regulatory outreach materials from NMFS.

II. Method of Collection

Operators have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms. An online registration site is currently in beta testing.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0323.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Time per Response: Tournament registration, 2 minutes; tournament summary reporting, 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 110.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$150 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 3, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 41 post Data Workshop II webinar for South Atlantic red snapper and gray triggerfish.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 41 assessments of the South Atlantic stocks of red snapper and gray triggerfish will consist of a series of workshops and webinars: Data Workshop(s); an Assessment Workshop; and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: A SEDAR 41 post Data Workshop II webinar will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Byrd, SEDAR Coordinator; phone: (843) 571-4366; email: julia.byrd@safmc.net

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop(s); (2) Assessment Process utilizing a workshop and webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop(s) is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates